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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON DYSENTERY.

Medical officers, acting assistant surgeons of the Marine-Hospital Service, secretaries of State boards of health, and other sanitarians are requested to report as soon as practicable whenever dysentery is prevailing in their respective localities, giving the type of the disease, number of cases (when possible), and mortality. The information is desired for the purpose of scientific investigations which are being made on this subject.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox in Alaska.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, *June 13, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following short report on the smallpox in Alaska:

The disease originated, according to reports, in Ketchikan, and many of the Indians of that place were attacked. The usual dispute over the diagnosis occurred, but vaccination was practiced to a limited extent. There have been no cases there for over a month.

There has been 1 case in Juneau, which was immediately isolated on Douglas Island. The case is still quarantined and no new cases have made their appearance.

At Douglas City, on Douglas Island, directly across the channel from Juneau, there have been 8 cases—all quarantined with the case from Juneau. They have not been discharged as yet. Their houses have been disinfected by Acting Assistant Surgeon Leonhardt, who has also vaccinated nearly all the Indians around that locality.

At Skagway a white man developed the disease which he probably contracted at Seattle, from which place he had recently arrived. It has just been reported that there is another case there, and I will go there immediately to investigate.

At Sitka there were something like 70 cases. Vaccination was used extensively and with good results, as the disease has now entirely disappeared. The houses were fumigated. One Russian was attacked; the rest were all Indians.

I would like to call the attention of the Bureau to the fact that at present the Indians have left their winter quarters and are scattered about the country fishing and shooting, and also that it is difficult to visit the different villages without having a vessel at one's command—the ordinary means of travel being unsatisfactory. Captain Kilgore, of the United States revenue steamer *Rush*, was anxious to cooperate, but had to take the court to Valdes, and was thus unable to render me any

assistance. As near as I can learn he will be absent at least a month, and I do not feel justified in awaiting his return.

I respectfully state that I will send in a full report upon my return to the States.

Respectfully,

CARROLL FOX,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Cleveland, Ohio.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, *June 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that the city health officer reports that there were 24 new cases of smallpox reported during the week ended June 22, 1901, and 1 death.

Respectfully,

W. J. PETTUS,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine Station of vessels from Cuban ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., June 23, 1901.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware River and Bay, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels:

June 17, 1901, British steamship *Georgian Prince*, from Havana, with molasses; no passengers; bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan. June 18, Norwegian steamship *Alfred Dumois*, from Gibara (Sama), with fruit; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. S. Gomez; Danish steamship *Tyr*, from Banes, with fruit; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. Benjaminde Zayas.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Reports from the Mexican border.

Eagle Pass, Tex.—Inspection service.—I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended June 22, 1901:

Date.	Number of persons.	Sanitary condition.	Condition of—		Where from.	Destination.
			Baggage.	Merchandise.		
June 16 (*a*)	121	Good	Good	Good	Various points in Mexico.	Various points in United States.
June 17 (*b*)	130	do	do	do	do	Do.
June 18 (*c*)	129	do	do	do	do	Do.
June 19 (*d*)	133	do	do	do	do	Do.
June 20 (*e*)	141	do	do	do	do	Do.
June 21 (*f*)	138	do	do	do	do	Do.
June 22 (*g*)	145	do	do	do	do	Do.

a Fumigated 199 pieces Pullman soiled linen.
b Fumigated 210 pieces Pullman soiled linen.
c Fumigated 196 pieces Pullman soiled linen.
d Fumigated 250 pieces Pullman soiled linen.
e Fumigated 295 pieces Pullman soiled linen.
f Fumigated 300 pieces Pullman soiled linen.
g Fumigated 298 pieces Pullman soiled linen.

LEA HUME,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

El Paso, Tex., June 22, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit herewith summary of work at this station for the week ended June 22, 1901: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 172; special inspection passengers from the City of Mexico, 52; inspection Rio